sonnel within the Ministry have to go into.

श्री राम नरेश यादव : महोदय, मेरे प्रश्न का उत्तर नहीं मिला है । मैं यह जानना चाहता था कि जिन कैटेगरीज में उनका कोटा पूरा नहीं हो पाया है उसको पूरा करने के लिये क्या कोई विशेष व्यवस्था सरकार करने जा रही है उनका नाम तो लेते हैं । . . . (व्यवधान) . . . मैं जानना चाहता हूं और मेरा प्रश्न यह था कि जिन पदों का उनका कोटा पूरा नहीं हुआ है क्या उनको पूरा किया जायेगा ?

श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव : यही बात मैं कह रहा था । मैं अर्ज कर रहा था कि पर्सोनल डिपार्टमेंट को यह सोचना है कि स्टेनोग्राफर्स कम हैं और यह केवल विदेश मंत्रालय में नहीं है सभी मंत्रालयों में होगा । इसलिये यह विचार तो उनको करना है । हम उनको कह रहे हैं कि यह कमी हम पा रहे हैं आप इसको देखिये ।

Disowning of Hotel Corporation of India by Air India

*385 DR. G. VIJAY MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Air India has disowned the Hotel Corporation of India, which is its subsidiary;

(b) if so, whether any assessment about the fate of the employees of the Hotel Corporation of India and its Chefair Flight Kitchen units at Bombay and Delhi has been made;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made to investigate the role of the officers of Air India in this affair; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

DR. G. VIJAY MOHAN REDDY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, catering service in Air India has been introduced in 1967 and has been doing a satisfactory service. I want a categorical reply from the Minister whether it is a fact that 30 per cent of the catering service of Air India has been transferred to Taj Group of Hotels. If such a transfer has been made which authority was responsible? Has the Ministry received any report explaining the reasons for the transfer? If ne report has been received, will the Minister order an enquiry into this matter?

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: Sir, Air India is taking food material from other hotels also apart from the hotels run by the HCI, in order to see that there is some competition and better quality of food is provided to the passengers. Sor, 70 per cent of the food is taken from the HCI and 30 per cent is taken from other hotels.

DR. G. VIJAY MOHAN REDDY: Sir, the Chefair Flight Kitchen units at Bombay and Delhi are employing a thousand people. heTse emoluments of these employees are paid by Air India and later transferred to HCI. Now when you are giving away 30 per cent of the business to the private sector, what would be the fate of these thousand employees? Will the hon. Minister give a categorical assurance that the services of these thousand employees would be safeguarded by Air India?

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: Sir, I don't think that anybody has any reason to feel afraid of anything. Nobody is affected so far.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You will see that nobody is affected.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: They will be affected.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He will provide alternative jobs... *(Interruptions)* ...

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: He has used the word "so far". That means in future it can happen. So the House wants a categorical assurance from him that it will not happen.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What will not happen?

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Thousand employees will be laid of.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is what he said. They will not be laid off.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: But he said "so far". We want the word "so far" to be removed from the dictionary here and a categorical assurance.

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: Sir, I am asked to answer a hypothetical question; somebody is presuming that they are going to be affected. There is no proposal which will really affect them... (*Interruptions*)...So, I am not expected to answer a hypothetical question.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Thirty per cent of the business has been transferred... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have been the Speaker and you know that this is a normal... (*Interruptions*)...question. If you are privatising it what will happen to those who are serving. It is not hypothetiacl. It becomes practical.

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: Sir, transferring any hotel to anybody. It clear. No decision has been taken for transferring any hotel to anybody. it is not privatising. The only thing that we are trying to see is that we take food materials from this hotel as well as other hotels so as to provide a sort of competition and also see that better food is provided to the passengers.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: What is competition? Do you mean to say that the quality of food supplied by the Corporation is bad? Then, you close it down. You cannot transfer 30 per cent of the business. What is the competition in supplying food? It is not a business... (*Interruptions*)...Let him say that food supplied by the Hotel Corporation of India is very bad.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: He must give a categorical reply that the food supplied by the others is also good... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: No, no. He cannot say competition. What is meant by competition? You have set up a corporation specifically to supply food. Today, you transfer it to private agencies. Then why do you say competition? Then why did you start such a corporation? Who asked you to start a corporation for this purpose? You could have allowed the private people to operate so long... (*Interruptions*)... Will you allow competition in Airlines? Then you allow private airlines also... (*Interruptions*). Then why should Air India and the Indian Airlines run monopoly services here? Allow private airlines also to run.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Vishwa Bandhu Gupta. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: Sir, this kind of statements hrould not be allowed to go on record. If there are any specific questions, I will reply them. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: No, no. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He cannot order you to expunge this from the record. Why should it not go on record? I have not spoken anything unparliamentary... (*Interruptions*)...I have not spoken anything unparliamentary. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have the right to decide what will go on record and what will not. (*Interruptions*). He

has right to say what he has to say. (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: That is true. But the question is whether the public sector undertaking, namely, the Hotel Corporation of India is going to fade or off-load. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: Sir, I have replied to the first question. My explanation is that now the air traffic is increasing. We are getting many aircraft from outside. Our number is also increasing. (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Sir, he is deliberately misleading the House. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Now, he say, the business has increased. So far, he was talking about competition. Now he says the work has increased.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: He is not answering the question. Why should we let him complete? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The question is very simple and pecific. Air India owns the Hotel Corporation of India. It is a public sector undertaking. The question is whether this organisation is going to fade or offload and if it is so, how the Government propose to tackle the problem of the employees. It is very simple.

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: If that is the question, I will reply to that question also... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: That encompasses the whole question.

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: I will reply to all the questions. (*Interruptions*). May I reply, Sir? My reply is that you have no reason to be afraid of this fact. (*Interruption*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let him complete.

SHRI SHIV RAJ PATIL: Please wait for one minute. I cannot go on replying to your interjections. (*Interruptions*). Sir, Mr. Morarka wanted to know whether we are going to retrench any people. Some other hon. Members also want to know whether we are going to retrench any people. I would like to tell them that this will not affect them. You do not have any reason to be afraid of it. Don't believe theories which do not exist at all. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, in the operation of airlines, specially the international airlines, Air India is facing competition in the whole world. In trying to improve the service ffood is alsa a very important factor. I think that a certain amount of competition is helpful and I do think that if the private sector in is competing with the publis sector in trying to provide good food, it is a good idea. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether Air India is keeping track of what type of food other airlies are supplying at this time. Where are we in comparison with them and is he foing to make a survey and try to ensure a better service for the people who travel by Air India?

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: We are trying to improve the product which is given by Air India. The facilities provided on board, at the airport, the quality of food, all these things are being looked into and we are trying to procure good quality food from our hotels as well as from outside.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

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SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: